

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH      November 15, 2011

“National Volunteer Week,” as proclaimed by the President of the United States, will be observed the week of April 15 through April 21, 2012. The designation recognizes the outstanding contributions made by individuals across the country to various community-based programs, non-profit organizations, neighborhood projects and local government agencies.

The County of Los Angeles has an active Volunteer Program, created in 1981, which now spans 37 Departments and the Los Angeles Superior Court. Volunteers do not replace or serve as substitutes for County employees, but instead supplement employee efforts by handling assignments that otherwise would not get done.

“Volunteers: America’s Heroes” will be the theme of the 2012 “Volunteer of the Year Recognition and Awards” ceremony, scheduled for Monday, April 9, 2012, in the Grand Hall, Dorothy Chandler Pavilion of the Music Center. The 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration honors County volunteers, who are deserving of public recognition for their hard work, dedication and commitment to helping the County carry out its motto, “to enrich lives through effective and caring service.”

More than 41,500 individuals donated over three (3) million volunteer hours in 2010 to County departments. According to the Independent Sector, a national organization based in Washington, D.C. that calculates the value of each volunteer hour, the County’s volunteer hours represent a value of \$64.8 million dollars.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE, THAT** the Board of Supervisors:

1. Proclaim    Monday, April 9, 2012 as “Volunteers:      America’s Heroes Day”  
                         throughout the County of Los Angeles; and

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2. Authorize the CEO to appropriate \$35,000 for the 2012 County Volunteer Program, including the annual "Volunteer of the Year Recognition and Awards Ceremony" on April 9, the annual Volunteer Insurance Workshop on July 12, and the annual Volunteer Program planning meeting on November 30, 2011; and
3. Request that departmental volunteer coordinators submit to the CEO Office of Workplace Programs quarterly reports on the number of volunteer hours donated to their respective departments; and
4. Request that the CEO, the Internal Services Department and departmental coordinators provide the necessary support for the 2012 County Volunteer Program; and
5. Waive parking fees for 20 cars in the amount of \$500, excluding the cost of liability insurance, at the Music Center for departmental volunteer coordinators to attend the Volunteer Program planning meeting on November 30, 2011; and
6. Waive the facility use fee in the amount of \$1,200, excluding the cost of liability insurance, for the Grand Hall and Lobby of the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion of the Music Center for the annual "Volunteer of the Year Recognition and Awards Ceremony" on Monday, April 9, 2012; and
7. Waive parking fees in the amount of \$1,750, excluding cost of liability insurance, at the Music Center for honorees and guests attending the annual "Volunteer of the Year Recognition and Awards Ceremony" on April 9, 2012; and
8. Waive parking fees for 20 cars in the amount of \$500, excluding liability insurance, at the Music Center for departmental volunteer coordinators to attend the annual Volunteer Program insurance workshop on July 12, 2012.

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